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OR,

Curious Amusements for the INGENIOUS.

To which are Added the most

Material Occurrences Foreign and Domestick.

Perform'd by some of the Society of GENTLEMEN, Concern'd in the First and Second VOLUME, with the Assistance of other Ingenious PERSONS.

From Wednesday August 23d. to Friday August 25th. 1710.

PROPOSALS for Printing the First Volume of the *BRITISH APOLLO* in Octavo, which is now in the Press, and will be Publish'd in *Michaelmas-Term* next, are to be had at Mr. *Clark*'s Bookseller in *Birchin-Lane*, near the *Royal-Exchange*, Mr. *Harbin*'s at the *Rose* next Door to the *Globe-Tavern* in the *Strand*, near *Charing-Cross*, and of the Printer hereof, *J. Mayo* over against *Water-Lane Fleet-Street*, or of the Men in their Walks.

GENTLEMEN,

Q. *THE Subscriber, your unknown Servant, being induced there-unto, by several Texts and Passages of Holy Scripture and Commentaries of Human Authors upon the use of Lots, hath made it the Test and Judge of all or most deliberations and Resolutions of any Importance concerning his Affairs, as conceiving it a proper way of Appealing to Providence for Determination of Human Enterprizes in matters equally indifferent on both sides. But some of those Decisions proved unsuccessful, and even Fatal, to your Subscriber's almost Total Ruin; so that under such Unpleasant shapes they appear to him as Tokens of Divine Punishment, upon a Superstitious Course, rather than Blessings from above for a Devout Homage made to the Omniscience of the Supream being,*

Wherefore in these deep and Smarting Scruples, the seasonable Solution and Advice of your Worthy and Learned Society is desired by,

SIRS,

Your most Humble and most Obedient Servant,

A. B. C.

A. That all Human Affairs are under the immediate Influence and Direction of Divine Providence is a Truth that cannot without Impiety be doubted of. Upon this Consideration the Casting of Lots was first Instituted, as being an Appeal to Divine Providence for the Resolution or Determination of such Cases as cannot by any other ordinary Course be resolved or determined. But to prevent this Institution being abused either by Impiety or Superstition these Cautions are necessary. 1. That this Course be not taken but upon a Solemn and Important Occasion; for it wou'd be an Impious debasing of the Divine Majesty and Profane Tempting of God, to think he will Prostitute his Miraculous Power upon every Trivial Affair. For every Interposition of Providence which diverts the ordinary Course of Nature ought in a larger Sense to be esteemed a Miracle. 2. That other ordinary Means be used, unless it be Visible that the Doubt cannot be otherwise better determined. 3. That all Superstitious Words or Rites to be avoided, as well as all Arts and Tricks. 4. That every one Peaceably Acquiesce in what the Lot determines as being the Dispensation of Providence. Of these Lots there are three Kinds usually mentioned by Divines, *viz Divisory, Consultory* and *Divinatory*; the two last of which, being appointed for finding out of some hidden Truth, or the Discovery of Future Events, cannot in our Opinion be safely Practised. The Use of such extraordinary Means without the immediate Direction of God, we take to be highly Presumptious. But of the Lawfulness of *Divisory* Lots, whether appointed by the Parties concerned we make no Doubt, since they are in many Cases the best Means of preserving Unity and Concord amongst Mankind. And if in the regular Use of these last the Querist has not been so Successful as he cou'd wish, we must seriously Advise him to look upon it as a Chastisement of Divine Providence, but whether he Suffers it as a Punishment for his Impiety in any other Respects, or for a Trial of his Patience, his Conscience must be the best Judge. We wou'd for all that Advise him not to forbear the Use of Lots when occasion requires them: For that wou'd look like a Repining at Divine Providence,

dence, and a with-drawing himself in some Measure from under its Influence.

Q. Gentlemen, *Discoursing the other Day with a Lady of Natural Parts but small Acquisition in Literature concerning the infinite Divisibility of Matter, I could not bring her to acknowledge it posible not even in Theory.* —— *To pretend that a Pin's Head consists of an Infinity of Parts as well as a Mountain, she says is Ridiculous and Absurd, and, whether it was that I maimed my Thoughts for want of proper Expressions, or that she entertain a prejudice against the Notion, all that ever I could urge was insufficient to make her retract her Error, till at last the Dispute growing hot, we laid a Wager about it, and agreed to be determined by you. I should perhaps have had some Scruple of Conscience in laying a Wager, I am sure to Win, had it consisted in any thing else than what it does; but it being to be in that Coin which is only Current in the* Cyprian Queen's *Dominions, I thought I might do it with a very safe Conscience.*

Now what I desire of you, Ingenious Gentlemen, *is to Illustrate that Point, with an Example so plain and palpable that there may be no Room for her to deny Payment?*

A. The Arguments that demonstrate the Infinite Divisibility of Matter are only to be drawn from Geometry; of which since the Lady is uncapable, she must be contented to take our Word for it, that she has lost her Wager. Perhaps she may be satisfied of this Truth, by considering how small a Body a Mite is, and yet that this little Creature must consist of Parts much smaller. It has Legs with Joints, Veins in those Legs, Blood in those Veins, Humors in that Blood, Drops in those Humors, Vapors in those Drops, and even these Vapors must again consist of Parts small beyond Conception. Again, by the help of a good Microscope she may discern in the least Drop of Water or any other Liquid a Prodigious Multitude of small Animals, which Move with Incredible Swiftness like so many Monsters in a vast Sea; every one of these Animals is a Thousand Times smaller than a Mite; and notwithstanding it is undoubtedly a Body that Lives, and that receives Nourishment and Growth; it must also have Muscles and Vessels Equivalent to Veins, Nerves and Arteries, and withal a Heart to distribute its Animal Spirits. When the Lady has brought her Conceptions so far we believe it will be easy to convince her that she has not yet discovered the utmost Littleness of Nature, but that this last Particle of Matter is still capable of Division. She may even in this discover a new Abyss. Who can tell but that within the Circumference of this Imperceptible Atom, there may be comprehended in a just Proportion not only whatever we see in this Visible World, but likewise whatever we are able to conceive of the Immensity of Nature? There may be in it an Infinite Number of Worlds, each of which has its Firmament, its Planets, its Earth, like to our Visible World; and this Earth again may have its Waters, every Drop of which contains a Prodigious Multitude of Animals of Parts and Properties like the preceding. In short as there are no Bounds to our Conceptions, so it is Rational to believe that the Objects in Nature hold a Proportion to them, whether considered in its Immensity or its Incomprehensible Littleness.

Q. Gentlemen, *What is the Reason, that a piece of Silk as supposed Yellow Satten, when it is Painted, shall have Reddish Colours, Brown and some Black in it, and a piece of Plate an Hundred Colours, when in the Nature, a Yellow Silk looks all Yellow to me, and a piece of Plate, if Boiled, all White, if Pollished, Black,*

A. Put a piece of Yellow Silk into the like Folds, of that you see in the Painting, and if it be Painted with Art, you will see all those Colors in it, from the various Dispositions of Light upon it, the Black being a Total Privation of Light, and you will not pretend a Yellow Silk appears Yellow to you in the Dark. As for a piece of Plate, if you take a piece and place about it all these things you saw in the Picture about, and you will see all those Flickerings and various Colors in it.

Q. APOLLO, *Do you think it is possible for a Man to be really in Love a Second time, I mean not to a bare liking, and such as a Gentleman by means of good Breeding, and a Natural Sweet Disposition, with Assistance of Discretion, may comfortably pass away his Life with, but with so full a Passion, as to prefer such a Lady before all the rest of her Sex.*

A. Yes without doubt, the Object of Love, is something that appears particularly Charming in the Eyes of a Lover. If a Person Loves *Cloe* for her Sweet Smile and Fine Eyes, why may he not Love *Silvia* after as well for her Air and Sprightly Wit, and so of all other Perfections. Nay some Persons that are of an Amorous Disposition, cannot avoid being more than twice in Love, if by Death or otherwise they loose their first Mistresses, and yet no Reflection on their Inconstancy, for all *Ideas* when the Object is removed, by Degrees grow Fainter and Fainter in time, as Material Objects do, as they are farther and farther Removed from the Sight. But for a Person to pretend to grow Passionately in Love with a Second Object immediately after his Declaration to the First, we have Reason to believe it but a Disguise put on, to Cloke some Sinister End.

POEMS.

Q. APOLLO, *I will frankly own,*
'Till now I've been a Rake,
But Tyr'd of that Dull Life, I now
Wou'd other Courses take.
Some ways of Reputation might
Remark me to the Town,
And which to Future Ages wou'd
My Memory make known:
And not Dream out thus all my Days,
'Till Time shall make me Old,
At last retiring from the Stage,
Like Foolish Tale is told.
All Arts and Sciences I am
A perfect Stranger to,
Or were I Master of them now
Those Courses wou'd not do.
Deep Politics *do now alone,*
Affect the Present Age,
And yet a part is difficult,
To act upon the Stage;
For if against the Whiggs *I Write,*
I may Chance to be Bang'd,
Or if against the Government,
I'm likely to be Hang'd:

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But

But if how safely, you'll Advise,
I may but Play my Game,
Without Attacks from either side,
I will pursue the same,
But let it be in such a way,
That if the times shou'd alter,
Instead of Honor I may not
Encounter with an Halter?

A. Thus Tim'rous Mortals pass their Days,
And Taste of no Delight,
Because with vain Chimera's they
Their Faculties Affright.
Not one on Earth more safely can
His Fancy't large pursue,
Or with a greater freedom Speak
His Sentiments than you;
Let not the *Whiggs* Amuse your Thoughts,
Nor *Government* Affright,
They neither will Resentments shew
To Pens which cannot Bite;
Act either like a Loyalist,
Or like a Factious Knave,
And shew your Malice how you please,
You'll but their *Pity* have:
But we opine the Wisest Course,
For such a harmless Creature,
Will be not to attempt to write,
Against his Stars and Nature,
For why shou'd you fret out your days,
'Till time has made you old,
Since Fates ordain'd, you'll end at last,
Like *Foolish Tale is told.*

Q. *Since Blooming* Silvia *now displays,*
Alone her Early Blushing Rays,
And yet such Pow'rful Couquerors they are;
That all my Liberty is gone,
And I without her Smiles undone,
How shall I her Meridian Glories *bear?*

Since now her Innocence *has Charms,*
To Vanquish all Prudential Arms,
When Art *and* Skill *shall their Assistance give;*
So Pow'rful then the Nymph will prove,
And add such Fuel to my Love,
How shall I look upon her then and Live?

A. Have Courage, Swain, the Glaring Light
Strikes Feirceſt after Sable Night,
By that, the Sun, his full Meridian Gains;
An *Habit* will give fresh Supplies,
And Strengthen by Degrees your Eyes,
That you'll behold him then, with lesser Pains.

When the Fair Nymph attains to *Skill,*
Then *Nature* may Submit to *Will,*
And she alone depend upon her *Art;*
Then you with *Art* must Countermine,
By which you'll Obviate her Design,
And gain an Eas'er Passage to her Heart.

Q. *You may talk as you please,*
Of such things as these,
How e'er to Apollo *it seems;*
I ne'er will believe,
As long as I Live,
But that there is something in Dreams.

I Dream't, that in Truth,
I lost a great Tooth,
And the first News I heard on the Morrow,
Was that a good Friend,
Arriv'd at his End,
Which brought me abundance of Sorrow.

Now tell me, since that
Did fall out so pat,
If I have not good Reason to think;
That something or other,
My Dreams may Discover,
Accordingly, when e'er I Wink.

A. If a *Dream* of that loss,
Foretels such a Cross,
Then what if you lost one indeed;
Sure that must foretel,
Your Losses as well,
And ask the same place in the Creed,

And thus from your Youth
To Age with each Tooth,
You wou'd of a Friend be bereft,
Untill at the last,
Ther'd be such a waste,
Not one of your Friends cou'd be left.

But these are mere Fancies,
Of *Judeth's* and *Nancies,*
When they are with Vapors possest;
And if you believe,
Such Notice they give,
We shall think you but nod at the best.

☞ Any Person may have the *Index* to the Second Volume of the *British Apollo,* also whole Sets Bound or Unbound, and Single Sheets to make up Sets of the said Volume, of the Men in their Walks, or of *J. Mayo,* over against *Water-Lane, Fleet-Street.*

SIR,

THE Advices from the *Hague, August* 29th, are that the Letters from *Germany* which arrived that Day, say, That Monsieur de Santi, Adjutant-General to King Charles, went the

the 19th through Inſpruck in his way to Vienna, with Advice, that the King of Spain had obtained another Victory more conſiderable than that of Almenara, and that 12000 Men were Kill'd. They Write from *Nuremberg*, that an Expreſs is gone to *Wolfembuttel* with the ſame Advice, with this difference, that the Action happen'd 10 Days after the former; but as Letters from Madrid of the 12th Inſtant ſay nothing of it, and that Letters from *Paris* of the 25th do not take the leaſt Notice of any Action ſince the 27th paſt, beſides the taking of the Bridge of Monſon, many ſuſpend their belief as to thoſe Advices from Germany, and impatiently expect the next Letters from Spain to know the Truth of this Report. That the Allies being ſenſible that the Advantage obtain'd by the King of Spain, ought to be Proſecuted with all poſſible Vigor, as the moſt effectual way to diſlodge the Duke of Anjou from Spain, the Chief deſign of this War, the Deputies of the States have been for theſe 3 Days paſt in Conference with the Imperial and Britiſh Miniſters, and General Surmani, Miniſter of the King of Spain, about the Tranſportation of further Reinforcements of Troops from Italy for Catalonia, to enable his Catholick Majeſty to carry on the War with ſucceſs, and the ſaid General is to ſet out to Night for Barcelona, to give the King an Account of the Reſolutions taken upon that ſubject. The Muſcovite and Poliſh Miniſters evpreſs a great uneaſiueſs upon Advice from Vienna, that the new Grand Vizier is inclin'd to break with Muſcavy in favour of the King of Sweeden, and has expoſd the Horſes Tail, the uſual ſign of War. The Baron de Botnmar, Miniſter of the Elector of Hannover is ſettiug out thie Night for his Court, to receeve his Inſtructions before he ſe;ts out for England, as Envoy extraordinary of that great Prince ta her Majeſty of Great Britain.

London Auguſt 24. On Monday laſt the R ght Honourab'e the Lord Rivers ſet out out for Holland and Hannover.

Which is all from Yours, *&c.*

WHEREAS ALL THE SETS OF THE FIRST Volume of the ***BRITISH APOLLO*** have been for ſome time diſpos'd of, tho' none under 15 *s.* 6 *d.* per Set, Bound. The ſaid Vol. containing about 2000 Anſwers to Curious Queſtions, in moſt Arts and Sciences, approv'd of by many of the moſt Learned and Ingenious, of both Univerſities and of the Royal Society, is now Reprinting in Octavo by Subſcription. The Terms are, each Subſcriber to pay 2 *s.* 6 *d.* in Hand and 2 *s.* 6 *d.* on the Delivery of each Book, Neatly Bound, Gilt Edges and Letter'd on the Back, none will be Sold under 6 *s.* by Reaſon there will be but very few Printed more then what will be Subſcribed for. *Note*, It will be Carefully Corrected, Amended and Improv'd by the Authors, that all that is Material will be Inſerted. They who Subſcribe for 6 Books to have a 7th Gratis, and to Bookſellers their uſual Allowance. Propoſals may be had, and a Printed Ticket given to thoſe who are willing to Subſcribe, at Mr. *Clark*'s Bookſeller, in *Birchin-Lane* near the *Royal Exchange Cornhill*, Mr. *Harbin* at the *Roſe*, next Door to the *Globe Tavern* in the *Strand*, near *Cha-ring-Croſs*, or of *J. Mayo* Printer hereof, over againſt *Water-Lane Fleet-Street*, and of the Men in their Walks.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

A Firſt and Second Claim is made at the Office of Aſſurance on Marriage, in Bolt-Court, Fleet-Street, which amounts to 37 l. 12 s. The firſt will be paid on Saturday next, and the 2d on the 15th of Auguſt, wherefore all Perſons concern'd are deſired to pay 2 s. into the Joint-Stock, purſuant to the 1ſt Article, or they will be excluded. The 2 Claimants married each other and have paid but 2 s. each, which ſufficiently ſhews the great Advantage of this Inſurance, which is daily Increaſing, the 3d Claim already amounting to near 25 l. On next St. Bartholomew-day 6 Truſtees will be choſen for the Year enſuing, due Notice will be given of the hour & place; the Advantage of Early Entrance will appear by the Propoſals, which may be had Gratis at the Office. Note, Any perſon may Inſure on the Marriage of an other without their Knowledge or Conſent.

A Patent under the Great Seal of England has been granted to Charles Holman in Red-Lion-Street in Southwark, for the making of his London Ink-Powder for Records. Being Moſt Excellent for all Perſons to make their Writing-Ink as black and as ſtrong as they pleaſe. EachSix-penny Paper makes a Pint of the beſt, or Pint and half, or Quart for Shop-keeper's common Writing or Marking-Ink, only by ſhaking or ſtirring it in ſo much Rain or River-Water; and it amends all weak and pale Ink, or Ink ſpoiled by the Froſt, and Directions to each Paper of Powder, to prevent Ink from Freezing. 'Tis Sold by moſt Stationers, Bookſellers and Haberdaſhers in and about London; and by Shop-keepers in the chiefeſt Cities and Towns in England. And that none may be impoſed on by any falſe Pretenders, Cheats or Counterfeits, this only has been publickly Experienced for many Years, and Appoved for the beſt Ink in moſt parts of the World.

MR. *Roger Grant*, OCULIST, who has been ſo ſucceſsful in Couching the Cateract and Curing all other Curable Diſtempers in the Eyes, lives in St. *Chriſtopher's Church-Yard*, where he has lately brought to Sight theſe Perſons under-nam'd. *Wil. Jones*, at *Newington-Butts*, born blind, brought to Sight in 5 minutes. *Suſan Barns*, at Mr. *Haunches*, in the *Broad-way Weſtminſter*, blind 11 Years, brought to Sight in 3 minutes. *Mary Dearing*, in *Swan-Yard* near *Newgate*, aged 75 Years, reſtored to Sight in one Minute. *Elizabeth Wild*, in *Bell-Alley Goſwell-Street*, blind of one Eye 23 Years, reſtored to Sighrin 5 minutes. *William Dixon*, in *Chelſea-College*, aged 87, reſtor'd to Sight in 5 minutes. *John Myers* on *Saffron Hill*, blind by Obſtruction of the *Optick Nerves*. A Gentlewoman whoſe Mother lives at Juſtice *Conſtables* in *Goodman's-Fields*, the ſame. Mrs. *Jackſon* in *Wood's-Cloſe*, the ſame. Mr. *Williams*, in *Peter-Street Old Scho*. *Anne Andrews* in *Goſwell-Street*. *Saywell Lathan*, at *Adam's Coffee-Houſe Chancery-Lane*. *Anne Allen*, in *Nightingal Lane*. *Anne Lee*, at the *Croſs-keys* Tavern in St. *Martin's-Lane*, *Strand*. Mr. *Godby*, near *Fiſhmonger's-Hall*, *Thames-Street*. Mr. *Heming* in *Nags-head-Alley*, *Southwark*. Mr. *Langbridge*, *Saffron-Hill*. A Child of *J. Haris's* at *Iſlington*, blind at a month Old. Mrs. *Parſons*, in *Naked Boy-Court* in *Bell-Savage-Yard*, *Ludgate-Hill*. *Mr. Graves*, at *Mr. Spencers* in *Church-ſtreet*, *Deptford*. *Mr. Allens* Daughter at the *Dolphin* and *Comb* on *London-Bridge*. *Thomas Dunmore*, in *Caſtle-alley* in the *Park*, *Southwark*. *William Malſter*, in *Wheeler-ſtreet*, *Spittle-Fields*. *Joſeph Mild*, at *Mr. Shakſpear's* at *Hogſdon*. *Mr. Jones* Daughter, next Door to the 2 *Brewers* in *Monmouth-ſtreet*. *NOTE*, Theſe with 223 others have been Cur'd ſince *Sept.* 1708. by the aforeſaid Mr. *Grant*.

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